TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2021 - HB 2023

April 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all new or remodeled foster care dwellings, nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, homes for the aged, and one and two family rental units to contain photo-electric smoke detectors. Requires these types of facilities that are replacing the smoke detectors after July 1, 2009 to be photo-electric smoke detectors.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Federal Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to revise investigative procedures.
- There will not be a significant increase in expenditures to pay for photoelectric smoke detectors in foster care dwellings, nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, or homes for the aged when the facilities have to replace the detectors.
- Any cost associated with the foster care dwellings exchanging their smoke detectors can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Department of Children's Services.
- Any cost associated with the nursing homes exchanging their smoke detectors can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Bureau of TennCare.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to revise investigative procedures to rental units.
- According to the Department of Health, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will amend current regulations governing nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, and homes for the aged during a regularly scheduled meeting. Any cost is estimated to be not significant.

• Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had a negative closing balance of \$440,300 in FY06-07 and a negative closing balance of \$217,700 in FY07-08.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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